

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 38 and 56 are indicated to be allowed.

Claims 37, 39 and 48 - 49 are cancelled without prejudice herein, merely to expedite prosecution and obtain coverage for certain embodiments of the invention.

Claims 50 and 51 are amended merely to be dependent upon claim 38 which is allowed. Applicants fully reserve all rights to prosecute the previously claimed subject matter in a continuation application.

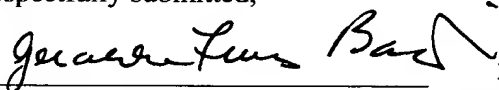
Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 38, 50-52 and 56 will be pending and under active consideration. In light of the indication that claims 38 and 56 are allowed and amendment of claims 50 and 51 dependent upon claim 38 (as well as claim 52, dependent upon claim 51), it is submitted that all the claims are in form for allowance.

Claims 37, 39 and 48-52 were rejected for a number of reasons. Although Applicants do not agree and respectfully traverse each and every rejection made and the grounds upon which each and every rejection is based, merely to advance prosecution, the relevant claims are amended to be dependent upon an allowed claim. Applicants fully reserve all rights to prosecute the subject matter removed from the pending claims and to argue against each and every rejection and the grounds on which it is raised in a subsequent continuation application.

In light of the above, it is submitted, this application is in form for allowance and early attention to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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